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SUBJECT: THANAT ALLEGATIONS

1. MAY 4 THAI LANGUAGE PRESS CARRIED NO STORIES ON
THANAT ALLEGATIONS SAVE FOR CONTINUATION OF PHIM THAI
REPRINT OF ORIGINAL THANAT ARTICLE.
2. NATION CARRIED ITEM HEADLINED " THANAT SHOULD HAVE
QUIT IN 1962-- PICHAI" BASED ON STATEMENT MADE BY FORMER
DEMOCRAT MP PICHAI RATTAKUL, WHO WAS " SHADOW FOREIGN MINISTER"
OF OPPOSITION BEFORE 1971 COUP. ITEM CONTINUES THAT PICHAI
SAID THANAT SHOULD HAVE RESIGNED FROM FOREIGN MINISTERSHIP
IN 1962 IF HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT USG LIED IN ITS STATEMENT ON THE
DISPATCH OF THE MARINES WERE TRUE. PICHAI CITES RTG STATEMENT OF
MAY 15, 1962 WHICH HE SAYS WAS DRAFTED BY THANAT HIMSELF
AND MADE CLEAR THAT RTG AND USG AGREED TO BRING IN
AMERICAN TROOPS.
3. PICHAI GOES ON TO SAY THAT WHILE HE AGREES WITH THE
FACT THAT AMERICAN TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO
COPE WITH THE CHANGING CONDITIONS OF THE WORLD, THE TIMING
OF SUCH A MOVE IS VERY IMPORTANT. HE GOES ON TO CHARGE
THAT THANAT IS TRYING TO CREATE AN ANTI- AMERICAN MOVE-

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MENT IN THAILAND--" SOMETHING WHICH I DON' T AGREE WITH."

4. POST ITEM PAGE 5 ALSO CARRIES SUBSTANCE PICHAI STATEMENT RE THANAT ALLEGATIONS. ACCORDING TO POST, PICHAI CALLED ON THE RTG TO LAY DOWN A SPECIFIC TIME LIMIT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U. SIES IN DIB ' S SAFE) TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE. DIB SAYS THAT NEXT ITEMS OF BUSINESS, BARRING UNEXPECTED BREAK- DOWN IN CEASE- FIRE, ARE RESTORATION OF PEACEFUL CLIMATE, COMPLETION OF PROCESS OF FORMING NEW CABINET (AND ITS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY), AND SOME SORT OF NEW UNDERSTANDING WITH FEDAYEEN. ON LATTER POINT, DIB CONFIRMED THAT NO NEW AGREEMENT YET REACHED EXCEPT FOR CEASE- FIRE BUT THAT GOL CONSIDERS ITSELF IN STRONGER POSITION THAN PREVIOUSLY. GOL ALSO EXPECTS ARAFAT WILL BE IN STRONGER POSITION VIS- A- VIS EXTRE- MISTS SUCH AS PDFLP.

3. DIB AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF GOL FOR ATTENTIVE- NESS AND DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL SHOWN BY EMBASSY AND USG DURING PERIOD OF CRISIS.

4. AIRPORT REMAINS OPEN. CURFEW LIFTED BETWEEN 1630 AND 1930 LOCAL MAY 4. HOUGHTON

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